

# **Governor's Commission for a Drug Free Indiana**

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## **Comprehensive Community Plan**

**County: Owen**

**LCC: Owen County Drug-Free You and Me Council**

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## **Plan Summary**

**Mission Statement:** The mission of the Drug-Free You and Me Council of Owen County is:

- To actively involve community members interested in establishing and maintaining a county-wide council;
- Work to reduce the drug and alcohol problems in our county;
- To be a resource for schools, businesses, government, and our community; and
- To work to fund resource projects and programs to ‘not for profit organizations.’
- Work to promote awareness of intervention and treatment options, as well as increase the number of addictions treatment efforts in the county.

### **History:**

The Drug-Free You and Me Council was formed on October 17, 1990, in Spencer, Indiana, as a part of then-Governor Evan Bayh’s anti-drug initiative. The LCC has representatives from all facets of the community to coordinate our efforts to reduce alcohol and other drug abuse in Owen County. Owen County has 340 square miles and includes the incorporated towns of Spencer, Gosport, Freedom, and Patricksburg. The rural county is rich in natural attractions: Cataract Falls, Richard Lieber State Recreation Area, and McCormick’s Creek State Park. The current county population is 22,375. Nearly 33% of the county’s workforce was employed outside the county in 2009, which is a large decrease due to economic factors in our surrounding counties. The majority (about 75%) of Owen County workers are employed in either manufacturing, retail trade, or service positions. 2009 Indiana Workforce data indicates that the average income for Owen County residents is \$28,405.00, which is 83.5% of the state average. The statewide average is \$34,022.00. The county’s high school graduation rate was 74.8% in 2009.

## Summary of the Comprehensive Community Plan:

The Owen County LCC, 'Owen County Drug Free You and Me Council believes we are making progress in our efforts to reduce drug and alcohol problems. We are active in being a resource for schools, businesses, government, and the community. We repeat funding for evidence-based projects and programs that show effectiveness with monies well spent. For instance, we continue to have a strong presence at the Apple Butter Festival each September where we conduct our Annual Community Needs Assessment with hundreds visiting our booth. During 2009, despite a Sunday rainout, we had 155 survey respondents and 90 youth respondents with the total being 245. In 2010, we had 425 respondents to our three age-grouped surveys combined. This survey helps us understand the magnitude and the public perception of the local abuse problems. Our continued support of local addictions treatment providers has reaped large increases in interventions, although we still have work to do educating the community regarding treatment options, as shown in our last Comprehensive Plan Update. And, our continued support of local law enforcement has helped increase alcohol-related arrests which have resulted in a decrease in local alcohol-related traffic fatalities. And, as always, we continue to support youth prevention activities in the communities and schools through our educator/members and 4-H projects.

## Membership List

County LCC Name: Owen County Drug-Free You and Me Council

#	Name	Organization	Race	Gender	Category
1	Pat Harris	Owen Valley Sports Complex	Caucasian	Female	Education/Prevention
2	Gary Fiscus		"	Male	Religion
3	Teena Jennings	Circuit Court	"	Female	Courts
4	Marty Lambert	Indiana Dream Team	"	Female	Treatment
5	Elaine Meyer	Centerstone	"	Female	Treatment
6	Rick Mudd		"	Male	Citizen
7	Terry Sips	Spencer Police Dept.	"	Male	Law Enforcement
8	Russell Glenn	Owen Co. Sheriff's	"	Male	Law

		Dept.			Enforcement
9	Rosie Jackson		“	Female	Citizen
10	Karen O'Brien	ISDH Tobacco Prevention/Cessation	“	Female	Treatment
11	Dave Newgent	Owen Co. Tobacco Prevention and Cessation	“	Male	Prevention
12	Tony Stevens	Spencer Police Dept.	“	Male	Law Enforcement
13	Allen Deel	Spencer FOP	“	Female	Law Enforcement
14					
15	Kathy Newman	4-H Fishing Club	“	Female	Prevention
16	Bill Nunn	Hamilton Center	“	Female	Treatment
17		Big Brothers, Big Sisters	“		Prevention
18					
19	Dan McBride	Owen County Prosecutor's Office	“	Male	Law Enforcement
20	Donna McElroy	Probation	“	Female	Justice
21	Brad Greene	Owen County Probation	“	Male	Probation
22	Donald Vandermoere	Owen County Prosecutor	“	Male	Courts
23	Marcia Taylor	Owen Valley Alternative School	“	Female	Education/Prevention
24	Rhonda Schafer	Owen Valley High School	“	Female	Education/Prevention
25	Lori Quillen	Owen County Circuit Court Judge	“	Female	Courts
26	Greg Denny	Owen County Sheriff's Dept.	“	Male	Law Enforcement
27	Richard Foutch	Spencer Police Dept.	“	Male	Law Enforcement
28	Benjamin Kim	Owen County Prosecutor's Office	Oriental	Male	Law Enforcement
29	Myrna Fields	Spencer-Owen Comm. Schools	Causacian	Female	Education/Prevention
30	Randy Truelock	Owen Valley Sports Complex	“	Male	Education/Prevention

## Problem Identification

### A. Problem Statement #1:

**Youth in the county abuse substances, including alcohol, tobacco, marijuana and other drugs.**

- 1. Our most recent Apple Butter Community Assessment Survey (September, 2014) showed that 86% of the respondents believed youth drug use was a problem in Owen County.**

#### SURVEY COMPARISONS FOR 2014, 2008, 2009, 2010, 2011

Question	2014 Yes % (Total #)	2008 Yes % (Total #)	2009 Yes % (Total #)	2010 Yes % (Total#)	2011 Yes % (Total#)
In your opinion, is youth drug use a problem in Owen County?	86% (171)	89.2% (325)	93.4% (151)	89.3% (290)	84.3% (121)
In your opinion, is adult drug use a problem in Owen County?	88% (176)	90.2% (316)	92.9% (155)	93.4% (289)	90.1% (121)
Are there adequate resources to address (addictions) treatment in Owen County?	50% (101)	33.2% (307)	36.1% (144)	36.8% (272)	40% (115)
Are there adequate resources to address law enforcement needs in Owen County?	51% (96)	49.2% (305)	45.1% (144)	49.8% (281)	60.7% (117)
Do you believe drinking and driving is a problem in Owen County? 1	83% (164)	87.1% (318)	82.8% (151)	82.0% (284)	77% (122)
Would you be in favor of a local law that would make indoor businesses and workplaces (including restaurants and bars) smoke-free? 2	56% (111)	81.2% (320)	65.3% (147)	61.4% (285)	68.9% (119)

- 2. Our study also showed that youth perception of abused drugs changed during the 2014 survey: alcohol (1), marijuana (2), meth (3) and prescription drugs taking the 4<sup>th</sup> spot and tobacco taking 5<sup>th</sup>.**

### Substances Rated by Perceived Severity

Substance	2007	2008	2009	2010	2014
Alcohol	3rd	3rd	1 <sup>st</sup>	1st	1st
Marijuana	2nd	2nd	2 <sup>nd</sup>	2nd	2nd
Methamphetamines	1st	4th	3 <sup>rd</sup>	3rd	3rd
Tobacco	4th	1st	4 <sup>th</sup>	4th	5th
Prescription Drugs	5th	5th	5 <sup>th</sup>	5th	4th
Over-the-Counter Drugs	*	6th	6 <sup>th</sup>	6 <sup>th</sup>	6th
Cocaine	6 <sup>th</sup>	8 <sup>th</sup>	7 <sup>th</sup>	7th	8th
Inhalants	8 <sup>th</sup>	7 <sup>th</sup>	8 <sup>th</sup>	9th	10th
Heroin	7 <sup>th</sup>	10 <sup>th</sup>	9 <sup>th</sup>	10th	9th
Extasy	9 <sup>th</sup>	9 <sup>th</sup>	10 <sup>th</sup>	11th	11th
K-2 / Spice	*	*	*	8th	7th

3. In 2013, there were 4 (6) court cases filed of juvenile alcohol and drug abuse.

4. Statistically significant findings from the 2014 *Indiana Alcohol, Tobacco, and Other Drug Use* survey include:

Students from Spencer-Owen Community Schools reported prevalence rates higher than the state rates. In particular, students reported prevalence rates for cigarettes, smokeless tobacco, cigars, synthetic marijuana, and over the counter drugs that were higher than the state rates. However, students reported prevalence rates for alcohol and marijuana that were lower than the state rates.

Specifically...

☐ **Lifetime prevalence rates** were higher than the state rates for cigarettes (11th and 12th), smokeless tobacco (9th, 10th, and 11th), cigars (9th and 11th), synthetic marijuana (11th), and over-the-counter drugs (9th).

☐ **Monthly prevalence rates** were higher than the state rates for cigarettes (11th and 12th) and

☐ **Binge drinking rates** were lower than the state rates for 12th grade.

5. Centerstone, a local mental health service provider, served 1 youth who had a substance abuse diagnosis during 2012. No youth were provided services for substance abuse treatment as a primary diagnosis during 2013.

**6. Owen County ranked in the top 5 with Alcohol Compliance Failures with a 23.1% failure rate during 2012, per Indiana State Excise Police. The failure rate dropped to 9% during 2013 with 2 failed inspections out of 23 total locations checked.**

**End of Year 1 Update:**

**End of Year 2 Update:**

**Final Update (end of Year 3):**

**C. Goal: Fewer Owen County youth will abuse substances resulting in positive changes in the supportive data shown above and other indicators related to substance abuse.**

**End of Year 1 Annual Benchmarks:**

**End of Year 2 Annual Benchmarks:**

**Final Report (end of Year 3):**

#### **D. Objectives:**

- 1. Support prevention/education programs with an emphasis on evidence based prevention strategies.**
- 2. Aid in the development of methods to increase the Owen County public awareness regarding the need for and the benefits of substance abuse treatment.**

3. Support the provision of ATOD programs by local mental health providers.
4. Increase general public awareness of local issues related to substance abuse reduction efforts and programs.
5. Continue to support and encourage the activities of the Owen County Local Drug-Free Youth organizations and clubs and encourage participation.
6. Participate in State and National education/awareness campaigns such as The Great American Smoke - Out, Red Ribbon Week, etc.
7. Support the work of local law enforcement in their efforts to minimize substance abuse by the youth in our community.

**End of Year 1 Update:**

**End of Year 2 Update:**

**Final Update (end of Year 3):**

**A. Problem Statement #2:**

Adults in the county abuse substances, including alcohol, marijuana, meth, tobacco, and other drugs.

- An Owen County LCC, Apple Butter Festival Survey in 2014 showed that 88% of those polled believed there was an adult drug and alcohol abuse problem in the county.



- Adults reported that the top five drugs abused were alcohol, marijuana, meth, prescription drugs and tobacco, in that order. Prescription drugs replaced tobacco at the number four spot.
- There were 3 meth labs found in Owen County in 2013, per ISP. It is felt that this underrepresents the actual number of labs found.
- In 2013, there were 179 adult alcohol and drug related charges filed by the Prosecutor's Office.
- The percentage of adult smokers in Owen County in 2013 is 35% compared to a state average of 23%.
- Although addictions treatment incidents in the county have increased substantially, according to our Apple Butter Festival Community Assessment Survey Results, there is still a clear need to educate Owen County residents concerning substance abuse treatment options, availability, and community benefits.

**APPLE BUTTER FESTIVAL SURVEY COMPARISONS FOR 2007, 2008, 2009, 2010, 2011**

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Are there adequate resources to address (addictions) treatment in Owen County?	51% (176)	33.2% (307)	36.1% (144)	36.8% (272)	40% (115)

- Centerstone, a local mental health service provider, addressed substance abuse treatment needs for 20 adults during 2013. No children received substance abuse treatment during 2013.
- Hamilton Center, another local mental health care provider, served 106 adults and 10 adolescents with substance abuse related issues during 2013. There were 46 cases for alcohol, 37 for marijuana, 13 for meth/amphetamines, 16 for opioids and 22 for poly-substance abuse.
- Treatment Episodic Data, Mental Health Services:  
Alcohol – 132 out of 245 episodes (54%)  
Marijuana – 89 out of 245 episodes (36%)

**Meth – 39 out of 245 episodes (16%)**

**Prescription Drug – 56 out of 245 episodes (23%)**

**(2014 SEOW Report)**

- It is estimated that 32.7% of adults smoke cigarettes and 33% of pregnant women smoke (2014 Epidemiological Report).
- Owen County ranked 5<sup>th</sup> out of all Indiana counties for the number of alcohol license permits, 27 for a population of 21,499.

**End of Year 1 Update:**

**End of Year 2 Update:**

**Final Update (end of Year 3):**

## **B. Goal:**

**Fewer Owen County adults will abuse substances resulting in positive changes in the supportive data shown above and other indicators related to substance abuse.**

**End of Year 1 Annual Benchmarks:**

**End of Year 2 Annual Benchmarks:**

**Final Report (end of Year 3):**

## **C. Objectives:**

1. Support prevention/education programs with an emphasis on evidence based prevention strategies.

2. Increase general public awareness of local issues related to substance abuse reduction efforts and programs.
3. Support tobacco education/prevention and cessation programs for both youth and adults.
4. Support the development of intervention services for individuals with ATOD related issues. Development will include support for staff training, educational materials purchases, and other program development support type activities.
5. Support local law enforcement agencies in their work to minimize substance abuse by adults in the county.

**End of Year 1 Update:**

**End of Year 2 Update:**

**Final Update (end of Year 3):**

**Next Annual Update Due: August, 2015**

**Next Comprehensive Community Plan Due: August 2017**

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